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### AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

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#### Sir:

In response to the final rejection mailed February 19, 1997, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 39-46 and 49, without prejudice or disclaimer.

## Please rewrite claim 3 as follows

(four times amended). A method of immunizing a mammal less than 96 months of age against at least one infectious disease, while decreasing the incidence of an autoimmune disease, comprising

administering to said mammal one or more pharmaceutically acceptable pharmaceutical preparations, comprising one or more immunogens, according to an immunization schedule according to which, at specific times after birth, the mammal receives one or more pharmaceutically acceptable doses of one or more immunogens;

said mammal thereby receiving, for each said infectious disease, a suitable immunogen in such amounts, given at such ages, as to be effective to substantially prevent or substantially reduce the severity of such infectious disease;

said administering further resulting in an immune response in said mammal sufficient to substantially reduce the incidence of an autoimmune disease in such mammals;

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